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Don became interested in railroads in the third grade and began by collecting news clippings and pictures for scrap books. He started his first model railroad in Lionel 027 in 1952 on a 4'x7' plywood board.

In November, 1956, the railroad was named officially "The Dot & Dash R.R." which is now a 13'x38' home layout with over 350 linear feet of track which includes a 200-car capacity yard. Construction for this HO layout began over 11 years ago.

Don is a 37-year-old switchman for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad with prior experience as a telegrapher (thus the name of the railroad).

As for modeling, Don enjoys scratch building structures and cars along with operation on the home pike using switch lists, train orders and messages. Most of the structures on the D&D are named after local friends and acquaintances. About three times a year he hosts area club groups that visit for an evening of operations on the D&D. The most distant visitor to the D&D has been an exchange student from West Germany.

Don and his wife, Dolores, have attended ten regional conventions and many division meets. He is an avid model pass exchanger and has a collection in excess of 3,000 passes from model railroaders all over the world. In addition, he has a collection of prototype employee timetables and train orders.

Don has been a member of the NMRA since 1960 and started participating in the Achievement Program in 1967. To date, he holds certificates for structures, cars, chief dispatcher, association volunteer, civil, electrical and scenery.

Don says, "I believe that the NMRA Achievement Program is a very worthwhile function of our organization and urge more members to participate, not only for recognition, but for accomplishment in the various facets of our fine hobby."

Don received **Model Railroader's** Model of the Month award in the July, 1973, issue for scratch building a CP Rail coal gondola.